

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-identified application.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant notes, with appreciation, the Examiner's efforts and the statement that Claims 13-54 present allowable subject matter. Claims 13-54 have been objected to. In accordance with Examiner's suggestion, Applicant has rewritten Claims 13-54 in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 14-54 now depend from an allowable base claim, namely Claim 13.

Claim 1 Rejection and Objection

With respect to Claim 1, without acquiescing to the rejections asserted, or to the Examiner's characterizations of Claim 1, or to the cited references, or to Applicant's prior Remarks, and subject to Applicant's right to seek further prosecution of Claim 1 in this or subsequent applications, and solely for purposes of expediting prosecution in the present application, Applicant has herein canceled Claim 1 without prejudice. Applicant further respectfully submits that the cancellation of Claim 1 obviates the objection thereto.

Claims 22, 23, 53 and 54 Objection


Applicant respectfully submits that the term "gsm" is well understood in the pertinent art to mean grams per square meter. See, for example, United States Patents Nos. 6,582,803 and 6,447,841.

CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and remarks included herein, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for final allowance and notice to such effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that additional issues need to be resolved before this application can be passed to issue, the undersigned invites the Examiner to contact him at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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